

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 144, ~~further comprising: wherein~~ receiving the plurality of portions includes receiving the plurality of portions identified subsidiary data from the external source prior to beginning receipt of the primary content data; ~~and~~
~~storing the identified subsidiary data locally in the storage.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein ~~receiving~~ retrieving the identified portion of the plurality of subsidiary data comprises obtaining the identified ~~subsidiary data~~ portion from a the storage, wherein the storage is a local nonvolatile storage medium of the a set-top system.

4.-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 144, wherein the primary content data comprises data of at least one of a television broadcast, a digital satellite broadcast, an Internet broadcast, and an audio-only broadcast.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 144, wherein transmitting a representation of a user interface comprises transmitting a representation of a user interface that further facilitates entry of one or more search terms for searching the storage ~~comprising determining the identity of the primary content data currently displayed via reading an identifier included with the primary content data to locate one or more portions of subsidiary data.~~

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~444~~, further comprising retrieving, by the subsidiary data control, the ~~identified~~-subsidiary data from a remote server.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~444~~, wherein the identified ~~subsidiary data~~portion comprises at least one of reference information regarding a program of the primary content data, biographical information regarding actors, guests or participants of a program of the primary content data.

11.-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~445~~, wherein the instructions are further configured to cause the set-top system to store the identified subsidiary data locally in the set-top system.

15. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the ~~instructions are further configured to cause the set-top system to obtain~~ method further comprises receiving the identified plurality of portions of subsidiary data from a local nonvolatile storage medium prior to beginning receiving the primary content data.

16.-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~445~~, wherein the ~~instructions are further configured to cause the set-top system to read an~~ method further comprises identifier facilitating entry, through the user interface, of one or more search terms for searching the storage to locate a portion of subsidiary data associated with the primary content data to identify the primary content data.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~4345~~, wherein the instructions are further configured to cause the set-top system to retrieve the identified subsidiary data from a remote server.

21. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~4345~~, wherein the ~~identified portions of~~ subsidiary data comprises at least one of reference information regarding a program of the primary content data, biographical information regarding the actors, guests or participants of a program of the primary content data.

22. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the ~~instructions for method further comprises retrieving reading the identifier are performed the located portion of subsidiary data in response to a change in the primary content data currently displayed independently of the primary content data.~~

23.-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim ~~3246~~, wherein the storage database is stored in a device ~~comprises a local nonvolatile storage medium.~~

27.-28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim ~~3246~~, wherein the storage database includes an identification of a remote server from which subsidiary data may be retrieved and wherein the controller is configured to request retrieval of the subsidiary data from the identified remote server.

30. (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim ~~3246~~, wherein the ~~identified plurality of portions of~~ subsidiary data comprises at least one of reference information regarding a program of the primary content data, biographical information regarding the actors, guests or participants of a program of the primary content data.

31. (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim ~~32~~46, wherein the controller is further configured to determine the identity of~~retrieve~~ the primary content ~~portion of subsidiary data in response to input of a change in the primary content data currently displayed~~ search term, the search term being input through a user interface.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim ~~32~~46 further comprising a second controller coupled to the controller to combine the primary content data with the identified subsidiary data and forward the combined data to ~~a~~the display.

34. (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim ~~32~~46 wherein the controller is further configured to receive and store the ~~identified~~ subsidiary data in the storage database.

35. (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim ~~32~~46 wherein the controller is further configured to provide the user interface to allow a user to interact with~~searching of~~ the storage database with one or more search terms.

36. (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim ~~32~~46 wherein the controller is ~~to allow a user to access~~ further configured to provide access to a programming guide.

37. (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim ~~32~~46 wherein the controller is ~~to allow a user to~~ further configured to provide a user interface allowing input for toggling between ~~toggle enablement of~~ display of the subsidiary data and display of the primary content data.

38. – 43. (Cancelled)

44. (New) A method comprising:

receiving, at a subsidiary data control, a plurality of portions of subsidiary data from an external source for storing at a storage, the portions including respective time values corresponding to times within a duration of a video content program encoded by primary content data, the time values identifying respective portions of subsidiary data as being associated with corresponding time segments of the primary content data, the primary content data to be displayed over a plurality of time segments and the subsidiary data being received separately from the primary data;

transmitting, by the subsidiary data control, a representation of a user interface to a display device, wherein the user interface is configured to facilitate accessing the storage, identifying a portion of the subsidiary data, and retrieving the identified portion; and

generating, by the subsidiary data control, an output signal that causes the display device to present visually the identified portion of the subsidiary data, the identified portion being received and retrieved independently of receiving the primary content data.

45. (New) A tangible machine-readable medium having stored thereon programming code comprising instructions to, in response to being cause a set-top system to perform a method comprising:

receiving a plurality of portions of subsidiary data from an external source for storing at a storage, the portions including respective time values corresponding to times within a duration of a video content program encoded by primary content data, the time values respectively identifying corresponding portions of subsidiary data as being associated with corresponding time segments of the primary content data, the primary content data to be displayed over a plurality of time segments, the subsidiary data being received separately from primary data;

transmitting a representation of a user interface to a display device, wherein the user interface is configured to facilitate accessing of the storage, identifying a portion of the subsidiary data, and retrieving the identified portion of the subsidiary data; and

generating an output signal that causes the display device to present visually the identified portion of the subsidiary data, the identified portion being received and retrieved independently of receiving the primary content data.

46. (New) An entertainment system comprising:

a data receiver configured to receive a plurality of portions of subsidiary data from an external source for storing, the portions including respective time values corresponding to times within a duration of a video content program encoded by primary content data, the time values respectively identifying a corresponding portion of subsidiary data as being associated with a time segment of the primary content data, the primary content data to be displayed over a plurality of time segments and the subsidiary data received separately from the primary content data;

a storage database configured to store the plurality of portions of subsidiary data prior to receipt of the primary content data, the portions including the corresponding time values; and

a controller coupled to the data receiver and the storage database to retrieve a portion of the subsidiary data and forward the portion to a display prior to receiving the primary content data, the portion being retrieved in response to input received through a user interface, the input selecting the portion of subsidiary data for display independently of the primary content data.